

## **Purchase DEIC Minutes**

### **July 28, 2006**

**Attending:** Kay Perry, Eileen Cameron, April Shirley, Leigh Ann Siener, Allison Clark, Gayle Sutherland, Tonya Shea, Joe Littleton, Jan Solomon, Marcia Harbison, Sylvia Woody, Martin Amundson, Nona Bazzell, Thresa Butler, Rainie Lee, June Fortner, Diane Wood, Stefani Weis, Mary Jo Campbell,, Karmel Stewart, Kathy Miller, Denise Gilbert, Tracy Gibson, Gail Herndon

**Minutes:** The May minutes were approved.

**Provider Update:** Tracy Gibson has her independent contract as a DI. Rhonda Edwards, OT, didn't renew her contract. Jean Ahern with Child's Play will take OT referrals in August. Rainie Lee is not taking DI referrals. Hollie Brookshire with ABC's will be doing PTA only.

**Point of Entry Report:** (Data is from Allison's reports for Four Rivers. No reports for Cathy Drysdale with Purchase District Home Health were available) During May there were 18 referrals, 8 initial IFSP meetings, 3 cases exceeding 45 days, 43 cases carried over from April and a month-end caseload of 43. A Child Find activity was a booth at the Marshall County Head Start Fair. For June, there were 23 referrals, 11 initial IFSP meetings, 2 cases exceeding 45 days, 43 cases carried over from May and a month-end caseload of 44. Cathy resigned as of July 21. It was discussed that the person replacing her doesn't have to be a nurse.

**Technical Assistance Team Report:** All the DEIC budget money was spent last year. Kathy showed sign language books that will be used as PR materials, and the Growing Birth to Three Development Guides purchased for all the service coordinators with some that are available for providers to check out from the TA Team office. The guides were suggested by Kay Perry and Karmel Stewart, who is a First Steps parent and the Early Care & Education Specialist for Murray Head Start.

-KY needs representation of families whose children will turn 3 by Sept. 15 for a national transition study. The providers and families who agree to participate will fill out surveys. Providers who complete the surveys will be entered into a drawing to win early childhood materials valued at \$100. Go to <http://www.ihdi.uky.edu/nectc> or contact Emily Keely, [eaheat0@uky.edu](mailto:eaheat0@uky.edu) for more information.

- The voting members approved paying for one of the ICC awards that will be given at the Infant Toddler Institute. Two other DEICs also approved this and Barren River approved a partial payment amount. It was decided to split the costs so our share should be under \$45.

-Requests to Record Review or EPSDT were discussed at the state staff meeting last week and Meredith Brown followed up with an e-mail to clarify where things stand now. "What I instructed the teams is that our goal is to ensure that a child receives services regardless of who provides the therapy. If we can not provide a First Steps Provider or if the family does not wish to go through record review then they can refer to EPSDT. Ultimately it is the family's choice." It is a family's decision, not the PSCs or the therapists' to decide on which source to seek additional services from. It is the PSC and therapists' job to educate the family on what all is involved and what might happen.

Some factors to discuss objectively and professionally are that it takes time to hear back from Record Review, the response may be different from what the team requests, or it could involve a reconsideration request if the team disagrees with the response. If EPSDT is used, the providers may not attend IFSP meetings, especially if they don't have a FS contract, they may not provide 6-Month Progress reports or discharge summaries as FS requires, and they may or may not work as closely with the FS providers as part of a team. However, the child may get more services because EPSDT isn't under the same type of limitations as FS and it's possible they'll continue to serve the child after the 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

Some scenarios were discussed to illustrate decision-making: 1) a child would benefit from additional services and the family wants to keep the same FS providers that their child and they are comfortable with. The team will work together with the PSC to send a request for additional service units to Record Review; and if families don't have a medical card they wouldn't be using EPSDT. 2) a child would benefit from additional services and the family is okay with having different therapists in addition to the FS ones AND they have a medical card; this is the family's choice as to whether it's Record Review or EPSDT. 3) a child would benefit from one or more new disciplines

added to the team and the existing team wants to request more units because of adding new services; in this case there will be new providers anyway, so the family will need to decide which course to take. 4) a child would benefit from additional services but FS service gaps (like OT right now) means that there aren't FS providers available; EPSDT would be the only way for families with medical cards to get more services.

-Kathy shared information about record reviews that Meredith Brown sent to Eileen. The recommendation by the record review team as noted in the letter, according to our Part C Coordinator, does not have to be followed exactly. The only part that needs to be adhered to is the total number of additional units. The usage of these units per discipline can be played with. It is only a recommendation, however, it should be **strongly** considered by the team. Ultimately, the IFSP team must do what is best for the child and the family.

The recommendation that comes from the Record Review team is a just that, a recommendation. The IFSP team should seriously examine the information that comes in a response and discuss how to implement the additional units granted by Record Review. However, it has been clarified now that the team can divvy up or reallocate units in different ways from the recommendation as long as the total number of units doesn't exceed what was granted. This is different from what was told to the TA teams earlier, but hopefully it will simplify the actual end-product. Reconsideration requests are only needed if the IFSP teams disagree with the total number of units granted by Record Review.

-The Financial Information Provider Meeting on June 22 was well-attended. Angie Lawrence, the financial administrator brought up the possibility that all disciplines may need to be billing insurance because it's expected that all Part C programs will be held even more accountable for finances by the feds. Our area was the first to hear this and it was discussed at the state staff meeting last week. Angie followed up with this e-mail: "[Meredith and I will be attending a meeting in August where we hope to find out more about what OSEP expects from us regarding financial accountability. Please do not implement any changes regarding billing, insurance, Medicaid, or payments until we find out more. After we return from the meeting, we will look at where we are and decide how to change policy.](#)"

**ICC Report:** There was a videoconference meeting on July 13. Kathy, Eileen, Pam Rockwell, Dr. Jo Robertson, Tonya Shea, and June Fortner were there to give reports from the TA team and DEIC. The next meeting is September 14. Sites are usually in Paducah and/or Murray. The ICC still needs to have parent and provider representatives nominated from the western part of the state.

**Subcommittee Reports:** The nominating work group needs one more person to help find voting members. After the voting members are in place, it will be time for each subcommittee to regroup. The subcommittees are Operations, Public Awareness, Professional Development, and Service Delivery.

**Old/New Business:** Transition contacts at some of the school districts have changed.

The providers in attendance brought updated bio sheets for the service coordinators to put in their referral notebooks. Others mailed or sent theirs. If providers didn't turn them in for today's meeting, they should mail 20 copies to Kathy for distribution to the POE and PSCs.

**Next Meeting is Friday, September 22, Noon  
Graves County Public Library, 601 N. 17<sup>th</sup> ST, Mayfield**

**AGENDA**

**Introductions**

**Approval of July Minutes**

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**Technical Assistance Team Report**

**ICC Report**

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